position. The Government of Sri Lanka have informed us that the request is receiving their due consideration and that the extradition, if agreed to, would have to await completion of trial and legal processes in Sri Lanka.

Reports of U.S. Commission on Gujarat Violence

2418. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published in the Asian Age, captioned "The foreign hand in Gujarat is home-grown" mentioning that the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom has strongly condemned the Gujarat Government for its alleged complicity in the genocide, ethnic cleansing programme directed at Muslims;

(b) if so, whether the said U.S. Commission has also pointed out that extremist organisations in India are getting fund from Indian diaspora in the UK and the USA; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Government has seen the report referred to in the question. The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom conducted a hearing on 10 June, 2002 on the subject of "Recent Communal Violence in Gujarat, India and Response." Government regards this exercise of the Commission, which is a non-official body, as an internal process of the United States. Government rejects any intrusive inquiry into how we conduct our affairs. India's long tradition of secularism and its constitutional, legal and institutional safeguards for the rights and welfare of all citizens are well known.

Differences between India and U.S. on infiltration issue

2419. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "India, U.S. differ on infiltration issue" which published in 'The Times of India' dated the 14th July, 2002;